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In re application of:

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING VEHICLE
DECELERATION IN AN ADAPTIVE SPEED CONTROL
SYSTEM BASED ON VEHICLE SPEED

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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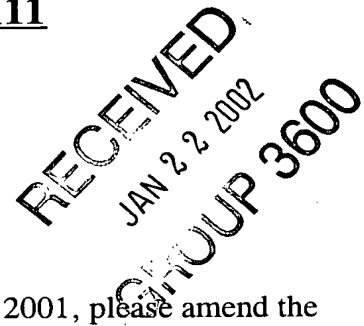
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2001, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 5 and 13 without prejudice. Please replace claims 1, 6, 9
and 14 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this
Response.

1. (Amended) In an adaptive speed control system for a vehicle, a
method for controlling vehicle deceleration, the method comprising:
determining a speed of the vehicle; and
setting a maximum allowed vehicle deceleration based on the vehicle speed,
wherein the maximum allowed vehicle deceleration is continuously variable.



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